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Panchayat Forests

Rules for the conduct of forest panchayats.

1002 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, in reference to the answers given to question No. 923 answered on 29th November 1928—

(a) whether the Government have considered the draft standing order for the administration of forest panchayats; and

(b) if they have, whether he will be pleased to place on the table the standing order as it is being issued?

A.—The draft standing order is still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member about what time the Board's Standing Order is likely to issue?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I am afraid I cannot prophesy, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know if it may be issued within the next three months, Sir?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"If it lies in the power of the Government, it will be, Sir."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"May I know under what statutory provision these rules will be issued?"

The hon. the President:—"I am not able to find any reference to the authority under which the rules are framed. How does the supplemental question arise out of this answer here?"

Mr. J. A Saldanha:—"The Government say that they are going to issue certain orders. I want to know under what authority they do so."

The hon. the President:—"It is not a supplemental question arising out of this."

Irrigation

Supply of water for lands under Red Hills and Cholavaram tanks.

1003-A Q—Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have completely stopped water for lands under Cholavaram and Red Hills tanks;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware of the fact that the major crops raised under those tanks will require at least water for one month before they will be fit for full harvest; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will consider the advisability of letting water for such crops at least for a month or so under the Red Hills tank and especially under the Cholavaram tank?

A.—(a) *to* (c) Water was issued for irrigation from the Cholavaram tank on 28th November 1928. In the case of the lands under the Red Hills tank, on the recommendation of the Collector orders were passed to issue water sufficient for a single watering. It was actually issued on 5th December 1928. From the 15th December onwards water under the existing orders is issued for the irrigation of first crop as long as the level of the Red Hills tank is above +38.